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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-25(canceled).

26(currently amended). A method for regulating the flux of fluid and electrolytes in the intestine of an animal so that 1 ml of blood of said animal will contain at least 0.5 units of antisecretory proteins which comprises feeding the animal a sufficient quantity of a foodstuff comprising at least one cereal cereals having sufficient enzymatic activity to induce in the animal at least 0.5 units of antisecretory proteins per ml of blood.

Claims 27-32(canceled).

33(currently amended). The method of claim 26, wherein the foodstuff prepared is breakfast flakes, bread, rolls, pasta products, or is in the form of a powder intended to be stirred into liquid to form a beverage.

34(previously presented). The method of claim 26, wherein the animal is man.

Claims 35-40(canceled).

41(previously presented). The method of claim 33, wherein the animal is man.

42(currently amended). A method for regulating the flux of fluid and electrolytes in the intestine of an animal so that 1 ml of blood of said animal will contain at least 0.5 units of antisecretory proteins which comprises feeding the animal a sufficient quantity

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- of a foodstuff comprising at least one malted ~~malted cereals~~ having enzymatic activity to induce in the animal at least 0.5 units of antisecretory proteins per ml of blood.

43(currently amended). The method of claim 42, wherein the malted cereals are is barley, wheat, rye, [[or]] oats or mixtures thereof.

44(currently amended). The method of claim 42, wherein the malted cereals are is rice, corn or sorghum.

45(currently amended). The method of claim 42, wherein the at least one malted cereal or malted cereals are in admixture with non-malted cereals.

46(currently amended). The method of claim 43, wherein the at least one malted cereal or malted cereals are in admixture with non-malted cereals.

47(previously presented). The method of claim 44, wherein the malted cereals are in admixture with non-malted cereals.

48(currently amended). The method of claim 42, wherein the foodstuff prepared is breakfast flakes, bread, rolls, pasta products, or is in the form of a powder intended to be stirred into liquid to form a beverage.

49(previously presented). The method of claim 42, wherein the animal is man.

50(previously presented). The method of claim 43, wherein the animal is man.

51(previously presented). The method of claim 44, wherein the animal is man.

52(previously presented). The method of claim 45, wherein the animal is man.

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53(previously presented). The method of claim 46, wherein the animal is man.

54(previously presented). The method of claim 47, wherein the animal is man.

55(previously presented). The method of claim 48, wherein the animal is man.

56(new). The method of claim 55, wherein the foodstuff is in the form of a powder which is stirred into a liquid to form a beverage which is then consumed.

57(new). The method of claim 48, wherein the foodstuff is breakfast flakes.

58(new). The method of claim 48, wherein the foodstuff is bread.